

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN JIM ELLIOTT**, on February 2, 2005 at 8:04 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jim Elliott, Chairman (D)
Sen. Jerry W. Black (R)
Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Sam Kitzenberg (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Lee Heiman, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 284, 1/26/2005, SB 296,
1/26/2005
Executive Action: None.

00:00:29

HEARING ON SB 284

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. VICKI COCCHIARELLA (D), SD 47, opened the hearing on **SB 284**,
Revise tax laws by eliminating class eight trigger.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:19 **Evan Barrett, Governor's Office of Economic
Development**

01:12:38 **Jerry Driscoll, Montana AFL-CIO**

Opponents' Testimony:

00:13:47 **Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce**

00:15:58 **John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau**

00:16:12 **Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent
Business**

00:17:16 **Steve Snezek, Montana Grain Growers Association**

00:18:22 **Carl Schweitzer, Bozeman Chamber of Commerce,
Kalispell Chamber of Commerce**

00:19:34 **Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association**

EXHIBIT (tas26a01)

00:25:09 **Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association**

Informational Testimony:

00:25:44 **Larry Finch, Department of Revenue**

00:26:01

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:25

Closing by Sponsor:

01:23:58

HEARING ON SB 296

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JERRY BLACK (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on **SB 296**,
Alternative method for assessing, taxing certain noncontiguous
land parcels.

[EXHIBIT](#)(tas26a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:33:17 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau
01:35:42 Doug Kaercher, Commissioner, Hill County, Vice-
 President, Montana Association of County Officers
01:36:39 Carl Seilstad, Commissioner, Fergus County
01:39:41 Steve Snezek, Montana Grain Growers Association
01:39:18 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

01:39:39 Dolores Cooney, Department of Revenue

01:42:18

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:52:34

Closing by Sponsor:

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

01:54:38 Larry Finch, Department of Revenue

[EXHIBIT](#)(tas26a03)

[EXHIBIT](#)(tas26a04)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:33 A.M.

SEN. JIM ELLIOTT, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tas26aad0.PDF](#))